

## **Resolution to Commit to the UNDRIP Aim of Respecting Indigenous Peoples' Rights**

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*RECOGNIZING* sport and recreation as inextricably tied to the ongoing and genocidal project of settler colonial systems in still-settling states and the intertwining of settler colonialism with other vital systems of power and privilege (e.g., racialization; disability; cisheteronormativity; etc.)

*WHEREAS* the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), adopted in 2007 by the United Nations General Assembly, recognizes the right of Indigenous peoples to self-determination, including the freedom to pursue their economic, social, and cultural development;

*WHEREAS* UNDRIP emphasizes the rights of Indigenous peoples to participate fully in mainstream services as distinct peoples, to maintain and strengthen their cultural institutions and traditional physical cultural practices, to be free from discrimination, and to access meaningful physical cultural practices;

*WHEREAS* UNDRIP underscores the importance of Indigenous peoples' right to learn about/tell/share/construct/record their histories and the necessity for non-Indigenous peoples to learn about Indigenous histories;

*WHEREAS* UNDRIP calls for the promotion of respect for and full application of the provisions of the Declaration (i.e., UNDRIP) and follow-up on the effectiveness of the Declaration;

*WHEREAS* UNDRIP acknowledges the contributions of all peoples to the diversity and richness of civilizations and cultures;

*WHEREAS* UNDRIP focuses on preventing forced assimilation and destruction of culture, maintaining and developing contacts and relations across borders, and having access to fair procedures for conflict resolution and effective remedies for infringements of rights;

*WHEREAS* the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) recognizes the importance of these rights and principles in the context of sports, physical activities, and reconciliation;

*WHEREAS* NASSS acknowledges the unique challenges faced by Indigenous peoples in the realms of sports and academia and the need for specific measures to ensure their full and equitable participation;

*WHEREAS* NASSS understands the role of sports as a platform for promoting cultural understanding, mutual respect, and peace among different peoples;

*WHEREAS* NASSS commits to fostering an inclusive environment in sports that respects and celebrates the cultural diversity and heritage of all its members;

*WHEREAS* NASSS believes that sport is deeply implicated in the social and cultural wellness of communities and individuals;

*AND WHEREAS* NASSS is an organization committed to the communication and application of accurate knowledge about sport and society through teaching, research, and social action;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

NASSS unequivocally commits to UNDRIP's aim of respecting Indigenous peoples' rights and pledges to uphold these principles in its activities and initiatives, to promote the value of Indigenous peoples' participation, ways of knowing/being/doing, and sovereignty in the realms of sport, recreation and physical culture, and to contribute to the broader efforts of reconciliation and respect for Indigenous peoples' rights.

NASSS also commits to aligning its constitution, bylaws, and policies and procedures manual with the principles and articles of UNDRIP.

NASSS will strike an UNDRIP Alignment standing committee that will take on as its first order of business drafting both the Terms of Reference for that committee and a NASSS five-year implementation and accountability plan.

NASSS will advocate for support for Indigenous-led sporting initiatives and for including Indigenous peoples in the planning and participation of international sporting events, respecting Indigenous territorial laws and protocols.

NASSS will strive to ensure that its activities and initiatives are inclusive of Indigenous peoples and reflect the diverse cultures and the physical and sporting activities of Indigenous peoples.

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